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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS DENMARK

SUMMARY: DURING THREE-DAY VISIT TO DENMARK, MARKED BY DANISH EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CORDIALITY, HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SPENT MORE TIME TRAVELLING THAN CONFERRING WITH COLLEAGUES. UPON DEPARTURE, TO DANISH SURPRISE, HE LEFT LONG LIST OF PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

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1. HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRIGYES PUJA RETURNED VISIT OF

HIS DANISH COLLEAGUE OF MORE THAN YEAR AGO JUNE 28-30. PUJA MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER IVAR NORGAAARD AND PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER. ON LAST DAY OF VISIT HE FLEW TO JUTLAND TO CALL ON QUEEN, WHERE SHE IN SUMMER RESIDENCE.

2. DANES MADE STUDIED EFFORT TO HAVE CORDIAL VISIT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE FONMIN ANDERSEN FELT PUJA HAD BEEN RUDE TO HIM DURING ANDERSEN'S VISIT TO BUDAPEST MORE THAN YEAR AGO.

3. PUJA WAS CHARACTERIZED BY OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE AS REPRESENTING A HARD LINE COMMUNIST POSITION AND THERE WAS LITTLE TWO SIDES COULD AGREE ON EXCEPT DESIRABILITY OF INCREASED TRADE. BEFOREHAND, IT WAS DETERMINED THERE WOULD BE NO COMMUNIQUE AND NONE WAS DRAWN UP; BUT TO DANISH SURPRISE PUJA LEFT A LONG LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR DANISH-HUNGARIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH DANES HAVE NOT FINISHED READING AND TO WHICH THEY MADE NO RESPONSE.

4. PRESS COMMENTARY BLUNTLY STATED THAT IT NO SECRET THAT THERE IS A BIG GAP BETWEEN DANISH AND HUNGARIAN PERCEPTION OF POLITICAL WORLD. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE MADE TEASING REFERENCE TO PUJA'S EXCUSE FOR NOT COMMENTING ON EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING IN EAST BERLIN. PUJA REPORTEDLY SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT BECAUSE HE WAS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND AS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COULD DISCUSS ONLY MATTERS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.
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